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SUBJECT: NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

1. CHANG SHIH-CHIEH (1728/0013/2638), NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, DEPARTED PEKING FOR HIS POST ON MARCH 14, ACCORDING TO AN NCNA REPORT OF THE SAME DATE.

2. CONGEN FILES INDICATE THAT CHANG WAS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE PRC EMBASSY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1952, COUNSELOR AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM IN HUNGARY IN 1954, AND COUNSELOR IN AFGHANISTAN IN 1955. DURING 1957-59 HE SERVED IN PEKING AS A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE LATER SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY'S FIRST DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN AFFAIRS FROM FEBRUARY UNTIL JULY 1960, WHEN HE BECAME AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL AND CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE JOINT CHINA-NEPAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION. BEFORE COMPLETING HIS TENURE IN NEPAL IN NOVEMBER 1965, CHANG SIGNED THE PRC-NEPAL BOUNDARY TREATY (OCTOBER 1961) AND SEVERAL

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PRC-NEPALESE TRADE AND AID AGREEMENTS.

3. CHANG REAPPEARED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION IN SEPTEMBER 1972, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS A "LEADING MEMBER" AMONG A LISTING OF VARIOUS GROUPS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. PEOPLE'S DAILY DID NOT OFFICIALLY IDENTIFY HIM AS A LEADING MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY UNTIL NOVEMBER 12, 1974.

4. CHANG'S WIFE, YEH WEN (5509/7186), WAS WITH HIM IN HUNGARY AS THIRD SECRETARY OF THE PRC EMBASSY THERE.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDING ANY ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON CHANG.
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